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It will be remembered that something like a year ago, at the invitation of Governor Sayers and the legislature the Merchant's Association of New York and the Chamber of Commerce sent a committee consisting of thirty representative business men of that city to visit Texas in order that they might become better acquainted with our people and possibilities with a view of investing more capital here and helping to develop our state.

The report of this committee has been published and is brim full of intensely interesting reading matter. We quote below some things said of our educational institutions:

"What struck your committee most surprisingly during their visit was the high state of advancement noticed in many of these schools, so that as regards scholarship and education in nearly every branch the schools throughout Texas compared very favorably with the schools of our Northern States. It is also evident that the general advancement is far more rapid in Texas than in the North, so that it seems not at all improbable that, with their magnificent school fund, they may soon even surpass in excellence our schools in the North. The State School Fund of Texas is very large, and, in fact, there is no other state in the Union that can compare with it. The amount of this enormous school fund, as taken from the official and authoritative State Department of Education approximates \$42,000,000. Of this amount about one-half is invested in bonds and other income-bearing investments and about one-half is represented by land owned by the School Board an area of about twenty millions of acres, exceeding that of the entire state of Pennsylvania.

"Texans have every reason to be proud of the immense school fund, which guarantees free education to every boy and girl throughout the State. It might be well, as it seems to us, if during childhood education was compulsory in Texas, as it is now in the Eastern and Northern States. Possibly, owing to the fact that the children mature at an earlier age in the South than in the North, the limit should be from 7 to 12 instead of from 12 to 14 as it is in the North. But we doubt not this will soon be the case, and it will may be, for she has a fund for this purpose."

"We found the School Board and the trustees and members of the school committees always ready to assist and aid us in our endeavors to get at the educational status of the State. They are deservedly proud of their fine showing in regard to school-houses, the vast array of good school-teachers and the growing interest displayed by all those connected with education throughout the State. Indeed, it is not too much to say that the school fund of the Lone Star State is greater in proportion even to the size of the State than that of any other State of the Union, and it must be remembered that the State of Texas is a vast empire in itself, larger than all New England with New York and Pennsylvania combined.

"Daniel Webster, in his great speech of the 7th of March, 1850, by a bold figure of speech, speaking of Texas, declared it 'so vast that a bird could not fly over it in a week.' This State alone is five times as large as the entire British Isles, and equal to thirty-four States, each the size of Massachusetts. It is larger than the whole of France, and, incredible as it may seem, it is nevertheless true that if the entire living population of the globe—fourteen hundred million—was divided into families of five persons each all of those families

could be accommodated in the present State of Texas—not after the manner of our city dwellings, crowding a house or two house upon a lot 25x100 feet, but allowing each family a house lot of one-half an acre, and then there would be a surplus of more than ten seventy million of lots untaken.

The mind is almost bewildered in considering so large a question as the educational status and progress over so immense a territory."

Only the very best woodworking material carried in stock, and it is unpainted so you can see exactly what you are getting at Harter's.

Mr. H. W. Key, formerly of the Indian Territory has come out to Fanchon to live. He will take charge of Mr. Jeff Key's mercantile business that is now at Fanchon and move it four miles north. Jeff will go back to the farm.

From a careful reading of the report of the committee on "Labor Conditions in Texas." It is very questionable if the very high state of development of resources would be best for the great masses. We quote two paragraphs below from which it can readily be seen that it will be necessary to secure (what we consider a very undesirable condition of affairs,) cheap labor, before much headway can be made in the manufacturing enterprises.

"More constant and powerful factors are the lack of foreign immigration of the artisan class and the attractions offered by the profits to be made from cheap lands. These tend to an insufficient source of labor supply on the one hand and to steady depletion of the artisan class on the other, as well as to a high rate of factory wages. In accord with the fundamental law that cheap and productive land, yielding an easily earned livelihood, promotes land development and retards the development of manufactures.

"The working of this law has borne heavily upon the infant manufacturing industries of Texas. The geniality of the climate, the cheapness and fertility of the land and the opportunities of profit from its appreciation in value have caused a steady drain of local capital and labor from

are large enough to meet the requirements for years to come, which is eminently proper. They are splendidly lighted and ventilated. The curriculum for the public schools is quite up to ours, as is also the qualification for teaching. It has been our privilege and pleasure to meet many of the ladies of the State, and I am sure that with such mothers and with such schools Texas is bound to have good citizens. I am also pleased to see that the schools of Texas are managed in a practical, business-like way and are kept out of politics; that the men of Texas are vitally interested in their schools and are giving them their best thought and attention.

"I congratulate the people of Texas on their advanced position in the matter of public education.

Have we any assurance whatever that cheap labor and an over crowded condition would not bring in Texas what it has brought everywhere else?

A few people very wealthy, highly educated and refined; all the grandeur that wealth and education can produce, and magnificent and imposing structures for religious, various educational and commercial institutions, all of which are very desirable; but who can find these things without finding by

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W. E. Lair,
Canyon City, Texas.

See our beautiful wedding stationery.

We see from the exchanges that cattle sales are not so scarce as have been heretofore, though not so numerous as is desirable. Steer yearlings seem to be about \$16.50 and twos and threes from \$17.00 to \$22.00.

Buie & Wallace have for sale now over 700 head of good cattle. See them for a bargain.

THE MASS OF HUMANITY comprises two classes,—those whose individual characteristics enable them to command situations and those whom situations govern. The weaker element covets constantly the attributes of the former. Frequently the insufficient appear to triumph. Title and Regalia, however, never made a king.

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Study the Map. Further than this persons of discrimination recognize and appreciate the fact that certain Modern Conveniences are of the Necessities of really good passenger service and that many of these "THE DENVER ROAD" alone provides. Such are:—Daily thru trains, models of improved, box-vestibuled equipment; Sleepers with ladies' dressing rooms, large enough for several,—With No Locks; Coaches furnished with the most comfortable highback seats made; Cafe Cars, meals *a la carte*, pay only for what you order; No Junctions to wait at, nor any change of cars; no matter how small your party, thru trains for each, for everybody, Each Day.

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During the month of April, 1902, the Pecos System will sell Second Class single trip tickets to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal., and intermediate points in California at greatly reduced rates. For rates and particulars call on your local agent.

Don A. Sweet,
Traffic Manager.

HOMESEEKERS EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.

On April 1st and 15th and May 6th and 20th, 1902, (four dates only) the Pecos System will sell Second Class Round trip to California points at rate of One Fare plus \$2. Stopovers within 15 days allowed on going trip in homeseekers territory. Final limit for return twenty-one days from date of sale. Tickets to be executed at destination for return trip, but not earlier than ten days from date of sale. See your local agent for rates and particulars.

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Sellers-Cofer.

On Sunday April 20th at Canyon City, Texas, Elder Denson spoke the words which joined in marriage Mr. Lucian Sellers and Miss Lena Cofer.

The ceremony was at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Davis, the bride's sister.

The groom was attired in the regulation black and though somewhat nervous he bore up bravely.

The bride was costumed in white organdie and all over lace beautifully decorated with white carnations and roses. After congratulations the hostess led the way to the dining room where a grand feast was spread.

After partaking of the many good things the party returned to the parlor where Bro. Denson entertained us a while with his many comical sayings.

Many beautiful and useful presents were received. The happy couple left on the 5:18 train for Dallas to take in the Reunion.

The groom is a prosperous hardware merchant at Panhandle, Texas and the bride is one of Virginia's fair daughters, loved and admired by all who know her.

A happy and prosperous life is the wish of

ONE PRESENT.

urban to rural pursuits. To maintain a labor supply for the new factories it has been necessary to bring factory hands from other sections, and these in turn have gradually abandoned the factories for farm and ranch. Only by frequently importing new hands has the factory quota been passably maintained."

In this connection we would call the attention of the remarks made at Gainesville by Col. Metz, a member of the New York board of education regarding the school children and school houses of the two states.

"I have been much impressed by the vast mineral and natural resources of your State, but to my mind you have one resource that surpasses all the others, and that is your school system. I have been connected with the school system of my home city and have been interested, for that reason, particularly in school work, and do not hesitate to say that the school system of Texas compares favorably and is equal to that of New York. You have a magnificent school fund, while we have none. Some of you gentlemen from New York may not know it, but it is nevertheless a fact, that there are 43,000 children in our own Borough of Brooklyn, which is only a small part of the City of New York, who are attending school on half time, because we have not schoolhouses and seating capacity enough to allow them a full days attendance, and have not the available fund to provide for them.

"Texas has magnificent school buildings, and in many towns they

it all of the other extreme, the greatest poverty, want, misery, vice and crime? It does seem to us that by the comparison that this report makes, that the masses of Texas are in much better condition and much happier than those of New York or any other overcrowded country.

Get your old buggy fixed up like new. Harter can and will do it right for more or less, according to the amount of fixing it needs.

Information for Baptists.

We appreciate that it is perfectly natural for you to want all the accommodations obtainable, if a long trip is anticipated, and that you may have the best we trust you will find it convenient to use the line of The Texas & Pacific Railway Company to visit Asheville, N. C. to attend the Southern Baptist Convention to be held at that point May 8th to 15th, 1902.

We give you choice of routes via New Orleans, Shreveport and Memphis. Our trains carry handsome new chair cars (seats free) and superb sleepers. Each chair car is accompanied by a colored porter to look after the wants of passengers.

We will sell tickets to Asheville at rate of one fare for the round trip from points in Texas West of Big Springs May 4th, 5th, and 6th and from Big Springs and points East in Texas May 5th, 6th and 7th. All tickets are limited for return to leave Asheville May 21st, 1902, but an extension, until June 2nd, 1902,

may be had by depositing ticket with Joint Agent at Asheville and payment of the nominal sum of fifty cents for each ticket.

Any further information regarding rates, schedules, reservation of berths in sleepers, through chaircars, etc., will be gladly given upon application to

H. P. Hughes
Traveling Passenger Agent
Ft. Worth, Texas.

E. P. Turner
General Passenger Agent T & P Ry
Dallas, Texas.

Notice.

To the editor of The Stayer.

Will you kindly announce through your paper that the Holiness people will hold a tent or shed meeting at Plainview beginning July 10th and run till the 20th for which time we have secured the services of the Rev. R. W. Huckabee. Let all get ready, let all come. We want to see many tents on the camp ground. Remember the date, July 10 to 20 and come one come all.

Yours in Him,

J. F. Moore,
Running Water, Texas.

We have quoted some nice things the New York Merchants committee said of Texas. Some things said of Texas were not at all complimentary, notwithstanding it is true. It very justly though severely criticizes our railroad commission.

Anderson wants your trade.